



## **Wastewater Billing Office**

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## **WHAT IS THE SUMMER RATE?**

This is a consumption rate applied to most single family homes during the summer watering period. The rate is calculated by taking the total of January, February and March water consumption (also known as the “Winter Consumption”) and dividing it by 3. This calculation is used during the peak outside watering season, generally for a 3-month period. The months in which the summer rate is applied can vary depending on overall weather conditions. Here’s an example of a typical summer rate calculation:

January water usage 3,000  
February water usage 5,000  
March water usage 4,000

$3,000 + 5,000 + 4,000 = 12,000$  divided by 3 = “4,000” new summer rate

June water usage 30,000  
July water usage 42,000  
August water usage 37,000

Wastewater calculation of charges for June, July and August billing period would be based on 4,000 gallons for each month.

If you elect to start watering or continue to water outside the summer rate period you do so at the normal meter reading and no adjustments will be made for high consumption.

If you elect to water outside the summer rate period to establish a lawn or landscaping, you may contact the Wastewater Billing Office. You can obtain an external meter for use up to 60 days. We will record the starting and ending meter reading and make an adjustment to your wastewater charges when the meter is returned.

If you find you have permanent lawn watering needs or have a sprinkler system you may want to look into installing a separate meter and pit. If you have a single meter that services both inside and outside, no adjustments will be made for high water consumption outside the summer rate period.

If you have any questions regarding the summer rate, please feel free to contact the Wastewater Billing Office at (765) 775-5140 (TTY 711).